DEATH CONSTANT MENACE | WOULD LIKE TO BE BACK

by King George, Denies He Is "Too Old to Fight."

Special Despatch to The St.v. John W. Boucher of the 257th Canadian to it in a minute with our boys." Railway Battalion, formerly of the Twenty-fifth Michigan Infantry of Volunteers during the civil war, is back serving eight months on the front after serving eight months on the front lines in France because he is too clid to fight. At least the British military authorities believe that a man past 72 years old should not be on the firing line. Right there is where Private western front, and his light blue eyes

was being interviewed, he could easily pass for a man of 60, but not 48, unless the observes was a poor judge of age.

His hair is iron gray and his military his hair. mustache also is streaked.

### Honored by King George.

When his age was discovered he was taken from active service and sent to Buckingham Palace at the request of King George. Asked about being forced out of the service the veteran replied: "Well, you see, when I enlisted a year." ago they placed me in the railway battalion because I had had a lot of experience in that kind of work. I told them I was 48 when I enlisted and they believed it. At least they made no bones about taking me. I went across and served eight months with the battallon, and let me tell you, young fellow, the two years I served in the civil war was a holiday alongside of that eight months over there. Well, anyway.

# OLDEST SOLDIER'S LOST A LEG IN WAR, THRILLS AT FRONT BUT DIDN'T KNOW IT

Civil War Play Compared With Sergt. Rufus Reynolds Tells of His Experiences in France.

Private Boucher, 72, Honored "It's Makin' or Breakin' of Man"-Fought Under Admiral Dewey.

"It's the makin' or the brenkin' of a WATERTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 24 .- Private man, and if I had both legs I'd go back Rufus Reynolds, former sergeant of the Forty-eighth British Columbia Regiment, which went to the French front

Boucher disagrees with the military experts and incidentally with King George of England also.

"Why, I was fighting with the American Series and looks every inches the soldier, is back in the United States. "Why, I was fighting with the American army helping to settle the little difference between the North and South long before King George ever thought about being king," said the veteran of two wars to-day.

He was born in Canada in 1845 and crossed the line in 1863 to help the North when 18 years old He served during the last two years of the war and although he was in some of the worst battles of that period he came out without any wounds. He enlisted a year ago this month at Renfrew, Ont, by giving his age as 48.

Boucher is a man of powerful physique. He weighs 175 pounds and stands 5 feet 10 inches and is as straight as an arrow. With a full flushed face and steel gray eyes that flashed fire as he incident.

### His Hair Almost White.

ers. All served in the civil war. he was asked why he had seen so much

## Vanderbilt Children at Red Cross Fete at Palm Beach.



Reynolds is not yet 38 years old, but his hair is almost snow white and the strain of a year's trench fighting in Europe has left deep furrows in a ruddy, intelligent face.

His father and his uncless were fighting in the right war. When

were inspecting the Wonder Tree and Doll Booth at the big fete given at Al Poniente, to which they had been taken by their mother.

he was asked why he had seen so much service, he replied:

"Oh! I guess it's in my blood."

"Looking for excitement." was the suggestion.

"I guess so Whenever anything started I wanted to be in it."

"And and askin' for mercy."

Sergeant Reynolds in describing the attack was hunched forward and the knuckles showed white in his hands where he gripped the arms of his chair. He was living it over again.

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## the trench to find Fritz holdin' up his hands and askin' for mercy." WOMEN FIGHT FOR **ESCAPING GAS KILLS** FLUFFY 'SNOOKUMS' FOUR MORE PERSONS

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There was a long silence. It was like pulling nails to get this quiet man, who went through the most harrowing battless about Ypres, to talk about himself.

"You aren't a Canadian?" was asked.
"No. I was born in Glouester, Mass.
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ime together.

## NO A. O. H. PARADE TWO SCHOOLBOYS RUN OFF TO ENLIST ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Police Asked to Help Locate Rodey Kennedy Arouses Ire of

Police Asked to Help Locate
Flushing Lad and Chum
From New Rochelle.

TOOK CAR FROM GARAGE

Voung Huddleston Thrilled by
Letters From Elder Brother
Serving in France.

Eyer since a tidy little service flag has been flying from 125 Madison avenue. Finishing, the residence of Roderick S Huddleston, head of the Huddleston-Marsh Mahogany Company, a spirit of boylsh unrest had been manifest in the actions of Roland Huddleston, skitcen year-old son of the proud father who set the flag tlying. Yesterlay Mr. Huddleston agency of the head of a sundry hundred or more year-old son of the proud father who set the flag tlying. Yesterlay Mr. Huddleston appealed to his friend, John A Dard of the A O. H., will have nothing the servicing size of the flush of the none of St. Patrick's day all well and in honor of St. Patrick's day all well and in honor of St. Patrick's day all well and in honor of St. Patrick's day all well and in honor of St. Patrick's day all well and in honor of St. Patrick's day all well and populated to his friend, John A Dard of the A O. H., will have nothing the fluid vine-veictity. The person of the national fluid terms are also promised to the friend. John A Dard of the A O. H., will have nothing the national fluid the proper to the fluid transpealed to his friend. John A Dard of the A O. H., will have nothing the national fluid to the proper to the national fluid to the fire of the fluid transpealed to his friend. John A Dard of the A O. H., will have nothing the national fluid to the proper to the fluid to the national fluid to the fluid to t the flag flying. Yesterday Mr. Huddle-ston appealed to his friend, John A. Leach, Deputy Pelice Commissioner, 19 to do with it.

ston appealed to his friend. John A. Leach, Deputy P. Rec Commissioner, to help find his son Roland and the latter's clum. Vernon Hatfield, also 16, both of whom have been gone from their homes since Saturday. Young Hatfield is a son of Frank I. Hatfield of 16 Brookside place, which is one of the most aristocratic sections of New Rochelle.

With the disappearance of the boys a big, comfortable automobile belonging to Mr. Huddleston also dropped out of sight, and the general alarm which was sent out by the police last night giving a description of the missing youths also contained claborate instructions to the rolice organizing the repovery of the automobile. Up to an early hour this northing, however, nothing had been discovered regarding the repovery of the automobile. Both the Huddleston and Hatfield families are wealthy and socially prominent. The bigs formed a close comparionship while they were attending the McBurney School, at 318 West Fifty-seventh street, and spent most of their fifth effect, was jammed with Irish to all rish and point of the McBurney School, at 318 West Fifty-seventh street, and spent most of their fifth effect, was jammed with Irish to all rish and many contained claborate materials.

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when he received a letter from the lucky brother detailing his military experisones. For several weeks the families of both boys have noticed that they generated of Brooklyn and Hayes of New both boys have noticed that they generally were possessed of generous quantities of literature published in connection with the recruiting campaigns being conducted by the Army and Navy departments.

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# The Sun Calendar

THE WEATHER.

For eastern New York, fair today, slightly colder in north portion to-morrow partly cloudy; moderate west to northwest winds.

MINIATURE ALMANA

"Women Farmers" to N Steelman, at St Lides His street, south of Christopher

EVENTS TO DAY

